

REMARKS

Claim 6 has been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1-5 and 7-13 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1 and 7 have been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Daniel et al.* (US 5,848,068). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 2-13 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any respective intervening claims. Because the contents of Claim 6 have been incorporated in Claim 1, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5 and 7-13 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claim 1 along with its respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any addition fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0464.

Respectfully submitted,



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